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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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RE: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment,
WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear : Ms. Dortch

On Thursday, August 9, 2018, Steve Vondran, President, U.S. Tower Division of American Tower Corporation ("American Tower"), Richard Rossi, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, U.S. Tower Division, Becca Gould, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, American Tower, and the undersigned, spoke by phone with Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Brendan Carr. The purpose of the call was to reiterate American Tower's support for the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") efforts to streamline siting of wireless infrastructure and to suggest steps the Commission could take to further that effort while preserving fundamental state and local prerogatives.

American Tower summarized the recommendations as set forth in its August 10, 2018 ex parte filing.¹ These include steps to strengthen the Commission's and local governments' long-standing policy of preferring collocation over new construction. We also discussed retaining the authority of local governments to act as an independent check on indiscriminate small cell deployment, as stated in the Commission's *Small Cell Order*, by, for example, adopting or enforcing aggregate limits on the size of small cell equipment and host structures consistent with Commission precedent.²

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹ Letter From Richard Rossi, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, U.S. Tower and Mneesha Nahata, Vice President, Corporate Legal Finance and Risk Management, American Tower, to Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket 17-79 (filed Aug. 10, 2018) ("*Small Cell Order*").

² See, *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Second Report and Order, WT Docket No. 17-79, FCC 18-30 (rel. March 30, 2018).